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Toledo Molding update given to Elba Rotarians at recent luncheon

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Rotary Club members listened with interest as Toledo Molding & Die plant manager Keith Regal gave an update on construction of the new Elba plant and showed a video of what they

could expect to see going on in the 9,200 sq foot Elba plant, once production begins.

This is the fourth plant the company has opened in the past ten years. The company was first started in 1955.

Regal said the company was proud of its reputation of pro-

ducing a high quality product and this was one of their strongest selling points for new business.

Plastic parts for automobiles will be manufactured by both injection molding and blow molding.

He also told Rotarians they stress safety in the workplace. Both the two different manufacturing processes used in molding automobile parts in the Elba plant will use high temperature and company associates are trained and constantly reminded to wear safety equipment and be cautious they go about their assigned duties.

The company will work both men and women in the manufacturing process, said Regal. In fact some of the company's facilities have a majority women working in the manufacturing process.

Regal said production workers would begin hands-on training this month, actually molding parts. He didn't give a date when they would begin making parts to be shipped to customers. By the end of 2004 the company hopes to have 80 production workers and about 20 office and management employees working in the new Elba plant.

KEITH REGAL, plant manager of the new Toledo Molding & Die plant in Elba was the guest speaker at the Elba Rotary Club recently. Shown with Regal above are Program Chairman of the day Paul Morrow, Regal and club president Doris Matthews.

Financial condition of Elba Schools attributed to community effort

by Bethany Dye

Elba City Schools continues to make financial ends meet in spite of the current state budget crisis.

In fact, superintendent Danny Weeks said although the system does not have an abundance of money in reserve, the schools' financial condition is the best it has been in years.

"Financially at this point, Elba City Schools is very stable," Weeks said. "I think a combination of the community, the staff itself here on both campuses and the cuts that we've had have really enabled us

has helped keep up the playing field. Tax revenues received from the city have increased, he said, mainly due to the alcohol tax.

Weeks said all money collected from the tax is coming directly to the schools, averaging about \$5,000 each month deposited in the general fund.

He said volunteer donations have also helped the schools, and he encourages people to still give \$5 each time they pay their electric bill.

Every year, Weeks said, students from the city and county schools call on the

has to be our main focus."

He said the grant would help Elba City Schools keep up with the constantly changing technology.

State money provided the elementary playground, and bonds allowed the elementary parking lot to be built, he said.

"All this said let's remember that in one year we can lose a lot of funding if the state starts making cuts," Weeks said. "I have to say that we're in great financial position because it might be taken as if we don't have anything to worry about. That's not true. We continually have things to worry

about. It's not having things to worry about. It's having things to worry about."

He said the schools' financial future depends on the state and how much taxpayers are willing to give to education.

"What we're faced with right now in education is a major shortfall that will continue to grow unless the economy turns around," said Rep. Terry Spicer. "We're in a very critical situation."

He said school consolidation is a current statewide issue.

The legislature is scheduled to go into session on April 24 for a Thinking Day Program.

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Enterprise Water System.

Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell addressed the commission to get its approval for the sale saying the paperwork had already been signed, but the commission must give approval to finalize the sale.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple, who's district the water system is located, said he had some questions for Boswell and the water superintendent for Enterprise. He said his main concern was for those residents caught in the middle in assuring they too get water coverage from the city.

Dalrymple said he spoke to Boswell prior to the meeting, and the mayor assured him his questions and concerns would be addressed. Therefore, he offered a motion to allow the sale of the water authority contingent upon his concerns being met.

His motion received a second from commission chairman Robert Stephens and passed by a unanimous vote.

Commissioners entertained two separate requests for use of the farm center with the rental and insurance fee being waived.

Christy Norris addressed commissioners on behalf of local girl scouts and said the groups would like to use the building on April 24 for a Thinking Day Program.

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rental fee.

Greg Adkins, pastor of Refuge Pentecostal Church, also asked commissioners for permission to use the farm center with the rental fee waived.

Adkins said his church will sponsor a youth conference in March, and he expects participants from as far as Georgia and Mississippi. He said the church used the farm center last year for the same purpose and hosted nearly 400 youth.

Commissioners also granted his request with an unanimous vote.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook spoke on behalf of the Coffee County Water Authority board as she announced a third sign-up meeting for Phase II of the water system expansion project.

This phase of the project includes residents in the northern part of the county, and Westbrook said the sign-up meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Victoria Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

She said the water authority is just past the halfway point of reaching its needed 400-600 sign-ups with just over 200 residents signed as of Friday, Jan. 23.

This phase of the expansion project will be the last chance residents in the northern part of the county have to bring the water system to their area; therefore, Westbrook encouraged all interested residents to either attend the sign-up meeting or to contact the Coffee County Water Authority office

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New voting lines bring changes for some voters

As determined by shifts in population shown by the 2000 Federal census, Coffee County was required to re-draw some of the voting lines for its voter districts and/or precincts.

Redrawing those lines was the responsibility of the Coffee County Board of Registrars. According to Gil Kelley, chairman of the Coffee County Board of Registrars, the redistricting is nearly complete, and new voting cards for those affected by the new lines will be mailed the last of January and throughout February. Only about 10 percent of the voters will be affected by the redistricting; only those voters being moved will receive new voter ID cards.

If a voter does not receive a new card by the end of February, he can assume he is not being moved and will con-

tinue to vote at the same place he voted previously.

In assigning voter places, the Board of Registrars used new maps of Coffee County, Enterprise, Elba, and New Brockton. If a voter has a question about his new voting place, he is welcome to inspect those

maps in the Office of the Board of Registrars located at 1065 McKinnon Street (the Farm Center) in New Brockton or call the Board of Registrars at 894-5347.

Office hours of the Board of Registrars are from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Area Happenings

THE 2004 VALENTINE SWEETHEARTS DINNER will be held Sunday, Feb. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. Age divisions will include 9-11 months, 1-2 years, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years and 15-18 years. The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 is sponsoring the dinner. For more information, call Sarah Amison at 897-8301 (after 4 p.m.), Barb Winters at 897-3095, Scott Cole at 897-5888 or Ray Kyle at 897-5851.

RELAY FOR LIFE IN COFFEE COUNTY will be Friday, May 14, at the Enterprise-Clark Community College Campus. Any company, church or organization interested in having a team for this year's event should call Jenny Tidmore at the American Cancer Society office at (334) 794-0600, ext. 3. Time is For A Cure is the theme for the event.

THE COFFEE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION is sponsoring a Firefighter I Volunteer Certification Course hosted by the Elba Fire Department. Firemen from local fire departments including the Elba Fire Dept., Batts Volunteer Fire Dept., Goodman Volunteer Fire Dept., Tri Community Volunteer Fire Dept. and Headland Fire Dept. started this class in Sept. 2003 and will complete the course in May 2004. The course curriculum is taught through the Alabama Fire College and consists of 160 hours of classroom instruction which includes orientation and safety, personal protective equipment, fire behavior, forcible entry, search and rescue, water supply and a first responders. Along with classroom instruction, firemen also get to participate in practical exercises like the one shown above. This is a typical response to a structure fire where one team of firemen are conducting an initial attack on a fire. At the same time, another team is conducting a search and rescue for victims that may be trapped in the burning structure.

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Elba Church of Christ to host A Capella Singing

The Elba Church of Christ will host an A Capella Singing on Friday, Jan. 30, from 7-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact Tim Gunnells at 897-2057.

Beth Moore Bible Study available to ladies beginning February 2

A Beth Moore Bible study, Breaking Free, will be available to ladies in this area starting in February. A night study starting Monday, Feb. 2 and an afternoon study starting on Wednesday, Feb. 4. This will be a 10 week study. For more information call 897-1288.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to host gospel singing

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a gospel singing on Saturday, January 31, 2004, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The featured group will be "The Burning Bush Family" from Red Level, AL. Pastor Roy Turner and the congregation invite everyone to attend. There is no admission charge but a love offering will be received. Vanderbilt Holiness Church is located on Coffee County Road 114, 1 mile past Wayne Farms Southland. For more information call (334) 897-3778.

LaVerne Tripp Family to be in concert at Praise and Glory Worship Center

There will be a gospel singing Friday, January 30 at Praise and Glory Worship Center next to the High School in New Brockton, 419 South John St. Featured singers will be the LaVerne Tripp Family from Gallatin, Tennessee. LaVerne is an accomplished song writer and his song "We've Got The Power" is still sung around the world. He is the 1991 winner of the Living Legend Award and has a weekly TV program. The LaVerne Tripp Family sings a message of hope, freedom and deliverance. Everyone has a special invitation to join us for a night of healing, restoration and liberty. The singing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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***JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: Maggie Head - January 23 - (In Memory of), Randy Caldwell - January 27, Larry Folmar - January 27, Alicia Hammonds - January 28 (In Memory of), Louvella J. Folmar - January 29.

***THE HOME COMING will be held February 27 at 7:00 p.m. featuring Kevin Spencer & Friends and The Griffith Family & David Robinson at the First Assembly of God Church located off Hwy. 280, Sylacauga, Alabama. For more information contact Tony Griffith (256) 245-9579 or (205) 369-1530.

***2nd AUXILIARY WEEK CELEBRATION and 108th CHURCH Anniversary to be held at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at Brundage Monday - Friday February 9-13 program begins at 7:00 p.m. Saturday - February 14 - starts at 6:00 p.m. Sunday - February 15 - starts at 11:00 a.m.

Monday Night-Sunday School & Bible Study-communion. Flowers - from New Shiloh Baptist Church-Troy. Tuesday Night-missionary and matrons, Sermon-Rev. Carl Hollis - from County Line Baptist Church Brundage. Wednesday Night-supper's - sermon-Rev. Ladon Foster, from Pleasant Hill, Brundage. Thursday Night-Youth; sermon-Rev. Jonas Rodgers from First Baptist Church-Goshen. Friday Night - Deacon and Deaconess Sermon - Rev. W. L. Peterson from Greater New

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister. Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 6:00 p.m. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Kim V. McLean. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Even. Service - 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

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Wooten Chapel Assembly of God to hold Women's Conference

Wooten Chapel Assembly of God in New Brockton will hold A Women's Conference - Queen of Hearts, Is There Not A Cause?, on February 5 - 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. each night. Bible stories will be performed. Featuring Mrs. Arkansas International, Rebecca Chandler-Fisher. For more information call 894-2133.

Westside Baptist Church to have Kid's Crusade Saturday, February 7

Westside Baptist Church will have a Kid's Crusade Saturday, February 7, 2004 from 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ages K - 6th Grade. There will be crafts, music, activities and lunch. Cowboy Steve will tell Bible stories while performing tricks with a whip and lasso. For more information call 897-2520.

Decatur Master's Commission to be in New Brockton January 30

Decatur Master's Commission will be in New Brockton at the Coffee County Farm Center on January 30 and 31 at 7:00 p.m. For more information call Holloway 0082.

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LIFESTYLES



Mrs. Gladys Carr to be honored with birthday celebration

The children of Mrs. Gladys Carr are honoring her with a 90th birthday celebration on Sunday, February 1, 2004.

This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Zion Chapel Baptist Church. The hours are from 1:30 - 3:00 in the afternoon.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The church is located on Highway 87 North.

Your presence will be her gift.



ON NATIONAL RETIRED TEACHERS' DAY, the Coffee County Education Retirees Association presented gift baskets to its members who are residents of Taylor Mill Oaks. Pictured from left to right are Mrs. Ione Wise-Luton (deceased January 14), Mrs. Pauline Allen and Mrs. Nellie Martin.

Twentieth Century Study Club holds January meeting

The Twentieth Century Study Club met January 8, at the Elba Public Library with Mrs. Judy Eastburn as hostess.

In the absence of the club president, Mrs. Peggy Stroud, vice president, presided. After a brief business session, she introduced "The Great Sam Boyd" who entertained the members of the club with his original program on "Rednecks." Sam is an up and coming star in stand-up comedy. He is only eight years of age and attends College Street Elementary School in Enterprise and is the son of Morgan and Ginger Boyd of New Brockton.

Relay For Life team meeting to be held in Enterprise January 28

The next team meeting for Relay For Life-American Cancer Society will be January 28, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Luke United Methodist Church, 201 Heath Street, Enterprise, AL.

Deadline for Social & Church News is Monday!

Coffee County Schools Menu February 2-6, 2004

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<p>Monday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk</p> <p>Tuesday - Pancake Pups, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk</p> <p>Wednesday - Muffins, Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk</p> <p>Thursday - Toast, Sticks, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk</p> <p>Friday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk</p>	<p>Monday - Chicken Nuggets, Roast Beef Sandwich, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Last Bread, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Tuesday - Sloppy Joe, Hotdogs, French Fries, Baked Beans, Dill Spear, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Wednesday - Turkey Str-Fry w/ Rice, Cornedogs, English Peas, Fried Okra, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Thursday - Oven Baked Chicken, Ritz B-Que Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Whole White Potatoes, Rolls, Cookie, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Friday - Pizza, Burrito, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, Fruit, Milk</p>

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Cody Sanders is three years old

Cody Sanders celebrated his third birthday on Dec. 27. He enjoyed a party with family and friends at his MawMa and PawPa's home.

Cody is the son of Joseph and Cyndi Sanders of Fayetteville, N.C. He is the grandson of Larry and Gertha Smith and Steve and Gerotha Sanders of Elba.

Cody has a younger sister, Valerie.

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ELBA ELEMENTARY FALL 2003 FUNDRAISER (by Anna Harrison)...The PTO sponsored a fundraiser to sale Christmas gifts and wrapping paper. It was for students in grades K-6th. Total sales amounted to \$6,442.75. The kids who sold at least \$250 won a limo ride during school to Dairy Queen for lunch. Kayla Johnson was the top salesperson with \$497.50. The students who sold at least \$250.00 were: Kayla Johnson, Terry Veasey, Ben Cash, Hannah Morgan, Cammie McCollough, Tarah Senn, Kayla Parks, Tiffany Harrison, Abigail Parrish, Emilee Hudson, Jake Camley, Janae Camley, Anna-Bowers, Kaelyn Fillingim, Courtney Rugg and Devin Jackson.

Elba Elementary conducting interior candle sale

by Mary Katherine Head

A new fundraiser has begun at Elba Elementary School, and all proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly into the elementary school general fund.

Every student in grades K-6 is selling Home Interior Candles in a Jar. The sale began Friday, Jan. 16, and continues until Friday, Jan. 30.

There are three different sizes of candles with the prices being \$7, \$16 and \$20. The lowest priced candle burns for 40 hours, and the most expensive for 110 hours. There are approximately 30 different fragrances with such inviting aromas as Baked Apple Pie, Cookie

Dough, Very Berry, Café Latte and Midnight Musk. Shades, which can be attached to the candles, may be purchased as well. There are two different designs with the prices being \$12 and \$14.

There are prizes being awarded to the top three sellers. All three will receive Wal-Mart gift cards. First place will receive a \$50 gift card, second place a \$35 one and third place a \$25 one. However, students will only be eligible for prizes if they turn in their orders by 9 a.m. on Jan. 30.

The candles will begin coming in Tuesday, Feb. 17, and will continue coming in the time thereafter. Also, as a reminder



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Christy Eubanks

Parents get educated on drugs

by Ayonna Procter

Parents of all fifth and sixth graders were invited and encouraged to attend a very informative meeting on Monday, Jan. 26. While the program was tailored for elementary school parents, all parents of youth were encouraged to attend.

D.A.R.E. officer Michael Adkinson and a narcotics

enforcement officer shared information pertaining to illegal drugs and the effects these drugs have on children. Parents were informed of warning signs and behaviors present in children who are experimenting with various illegal substances, and they had the opportunity to see first hand the illegal drugs, which are growing popular among the youth of Elba.

A question/answer session was also incorporated into the presentation.

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EHS Student Spotlight

by Karrie Copeland

This week's student spotlight is Courtney Pridgen.

Courtney is the 15-year-old daughter of Lenece Chandler. She is a member of Elba High School's concert band where she plays the flute.

During Courtney's spare time, she likes to talk on the phone, hang out with friends, chat online and spend time with her boyfriend and family.

Courtney is a member of the Elba High School's student council.



Courtney Pridgen

Dates to Remember:

by Christy Eubanks

Feb. 13 - Teacher In-Service. No school for students.

Feb. 16 - Holiday.

Feb. 22 - Read Across America Celebration.

March 4 - Black and Gold Show.

March 5 - Third Nine Weeks Break.

March 15 - Grandparent's Day.

March 15 - PTO at 6 p.m.

March 22-26 - Spring Break.

Foundation of South Alabama.

The meeting will be held in Room L 133 of the Learning Resource Center on the Lurleen B. Wallace Community College.

Andalusia Campus Lurleen B. Wallace Community College.

on January 30, 2004. Two separate sessions are available: 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Each session is expected to last 1 hour.

For more information, please contact Joree D. Jones, Associate Dean for Institutional Advancement and Planning at 334-222-6591.

by Jessica Danford

This week's Co-Op Spotlight is Kimberly McDonald.

Kim is the 18-year-old daughter of Kathryn McDonald, and she is currently employed at Popfoks of Enterprise where she waitresses.

In her spare time, Kim enjoys spending time with her friends and family, spending time with her boyfriend Brent, talking on the phone and shopping.

Congratulations to Kim for a job well done!

I'll be with you always, right by your side.

When I'm through you'll be lucky to live.

If you try me be warned, this is not a game.

If you'll give me the chance, I'll drive you insane.

I'll decay your body, I'll control your mind.

I'll own you completely, your soul will be mine.

The nightmares I'll send you when you're lying in bed.

And the demon voices inside of your head.

You'll sweat and you'll shake, and visions you'll see.

I want you to know these are your gifts from me.

You'll regret that you tried me, they always do.

But you came to me, not I to you!

You knew this would happen, how many times you were told.

You challenged my power - you chose to behold.

You could've said "no" and just walked away.

If you could live that day over, what would you say?

My power is awesome as I've told you before.

You'll think there's a phantom behind every door.

So go on and curse me with every breath.

Just make your choice, will it be life or death?

Now that you've met me what will you do?

Try me or not, it's all up to you.

I can show you more misery than these words can tell.

Just take me hand and I'll lead you to "Hell."

"Crystal Meth"

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Annual Elbala pageant set for Jan. 31st

The annual Elbala (Campus Beauty) Pageant is fast approaching.

The pageant is open to girls attending Elba Elementary School grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade (two separate divisions). Entry fee is \$10.00.

The contest is a fundraiser the Elbala Yearbook Staff sponsors to reduce the cost of the annual Elbala Yearbook. All proceeds go directly into the yearbook fund. The journalism staff

greatly appreciates any contributions and would like to encourage all supporters of Elba High School to come and survey a small portion of Elba City School's beauties.

Admittance is \$4.00. A small price to pay to spend a Saturday night, January 31st, filled with gorgeous ladies. The fun begins at 6:00 PM in the Elba High School Auditorium.

Any questions call Julie Norris, during work hours, at 897-2122.



PIC OF THE WEEK (by Brittany Cooper)...Don't fall Alex!

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Feb. 2 - 6, 2004

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Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Bar-B-Q Pork, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Bread, Apple, Milk

A life or meth situation

Submitted by Christy Eubanks

Dear Editor,

If at any way possible, I would like you to publish this poem. It is the only way at present moment that I feel I can become a positive structure to someone who may want to try

"My Name is Crystal Meth"

and walk down this seductive road of darkness called "Crystal Meth."

Down this road I found the devil and only God helped me conquer him.

Sincerely,

Timothy Mitchell, inmate at the Covington County Jail

"My Name is Crystal Meth"

If my glamorous lifestyle seems appealing to you,

And you want to try me because there's nothing better to do.

Let me give you some good advice.

Your decision is foolish and you better think twice.

I'm destroying your homes, I'll tear your family apart.

I'll take away your children, and that's just the start.

I'm more valued than diamonds, more precious than gold.

The sorrow I bring is a sight to behold.

If you need me remember I'm easily found.

I live all around in school and in the town.

I live with the rich, I live with the poor.

Just down the road or maybe next door.

I'm made in the lab, but not one like you think.

I can be made from things under your kitchen sink.

In your child's closet, or even in the woods.

If this scares you to death, it certainly should.

I have many names, but there's one you know best.

I'm certain you know me, my name is "crystal meth."

My power is awesome, just try me you'll see.

But know if you do, you may never break free.

If you try me just once I might let you go.

But if you try me twice then I've won your soul.

When I seduce you you'll steal and you'll lie.

You'll do what you have to, just to get high.

You'll lie to your mom, you'll steal from your dad.

When you see their tears, you must not feel sad.

You'll forget your morals and how you were raised.

I'll be your conscience, I'll teach you my ways.

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I'll be with you always, right by your side.

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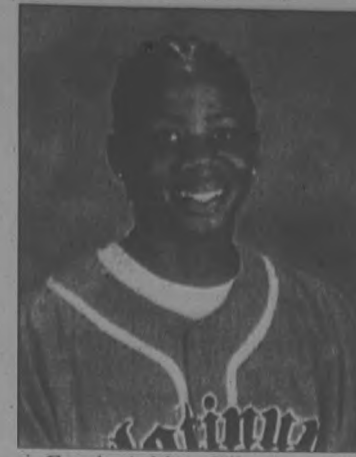
Just take me hand and I'll lead you to "Hell."

"Crystal Meth"

SCHOOLS

Student Hi-Lite

by Tina Hall



Coach Ashley Kilcrease has nominated Dexter Daniels, 8th grade, for this month's outstanding student.

Coach Ashley said, "Dexter is an outstanding young man who excels in the classroom as well as the athletic field. He is able to perform on the football field and basketball court while maintaining his high marks in the classroom. He is always well-mannered and a perfect example for all student-athletes to follow."

Congratulations, Dexter, for all of your hard work and success, and keep it up in the future.

From the Dog Pound

Kendra Majors
Editor



Justin Broderway
Asst. Editor

Brantley School News

Brantley PTA holds monthly meeting

by Kendra Majors

The January meeting of the Brantley PTA was held Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Brantley High School Gymnasium. Mrs. Lisa Harris, PTA president, called the meeting to order. Ty Rayburn led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Tia Compton spoke to the parents and teachers for the Principal Waylon Bush, who was unable to speak. Ms. Compton introduced the new school nurse, Alanda Wright. She then, stated that report cards went out on Thursday, Jan. 8.

There were 197 students who made honor roll, which is 33 percent of the BHS student body.

Ms. Compton said the tutoring program was going well, and told parents that his/her child could be tutored with a referral from a teacher as well as his/her approval. She also said Troy State University students would soon be on hand to help with this program.

Next, Ms. Compton said the Accelerated Reader Program was back up and running strongly. During the first semester, elementary students read a total of 13,747 books and maintained an overall average of 83.

She commented on the ARPI Dibels testing and said 75 percent of students tested showed improvement.

Also, Coach David Lowery spoke about the athletic realm at BHS and said Janyal Jones, body.

Brantley residents "give the gift"

by Jerri Bryan

Brantley High School faculty members and students kicked off the new year by giving the gift of life.

LifeSouth, the provider of blood for all of Crenshaw County, held a blood drive on the school grounds on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Students and teachers, however, were not the only

donors - people from throughout the community also contributed in order to help with the critical shortage the area is experiencing.

Before giving, students watched a video explaining the donation process that included answering a brief series of questions and having iron levels tested.

an idea of what it really means to give blood by referring to donors as "heroes." If the prospective donors met all of the aforementioned requirements, they were given the opportunity to "give the gift."

While only 27 pints of blood were attained, 34 "heroes" emerged and LifeSouth's goal of 20 pints was surpassed.

The process takes less than an hour and gives donors the satisfaction of knowing, that by giving, they have an opportunity to save someone's life. The experience is not nearly as painful as it is exhilarating.

Remember, "Pain is temporary. Pride is forever." Become a donor and have pride in the fact that you have saved lives.

video went on to inform students that every three seconds someone needs blood. In addition, it listed the requirements for donation which are as follows: donors must be at least 17 years old, must have a driver's license or some form of identification and must weigh at least 103 pounds.

The video also gave students

Band students excel at competitions

by Shane Haws

The BHS band has been extremely busy lately. Even with marching season over, the band is still working hard.

At the end of February, the band will compete at District Concert Festival at Troy State University.

Several band students have been striving to earn individual honors.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Applications sought for Alabama's 2004 Farm of Distinction

The Alabama Farm-City Committee is seeking applications for Alabama's 2004 Farm of Distinction competition, which recognizes outstanding farmers and rewards them with cash and other prizes.

Based on the applications submitted, division winners will be chosen from five areas of the state, plus one at-large winner. These six farms will then compete for the state title and a \$2,500 cash prize.

Division winners will be judged by a panel of agricultural experts who will visit each

farm. The winner will be announced during a ceremony April 19 in Birmingham. Alabama's winner will go on to represent the state in competition for the Lancaster/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year that will be named during the Sunbelt Ag Expo Oct. 19-21 in Moultrie, Ga. The Sunbelt winner will receive \$14,000 plus several prizes.

"Alabama is blessed with some of the best farms in the country. We are calling on Alabama Farmers Federation members to help us identify

those operations that are the crown jewels of Alabama agriculture," said J. Paul Till, chairman of the Alabama Farm-City Committee.

Farms will be judged on environmental stewardship, overall appearance, accomplishments, efficiency and leadership of the farm owner. Any size farm is eligible for the competition.

Last year's Farm of Distinction winners were Bruce and Billie Bush of Bush Farms in Barbour County. The Bushes produce top-quality Charolais cattle on their farm near

Eufaula. "It still doesn't seem real," Bruce said of winning the state award. "We work hard on our farm. We don't play golf or anything like that, we mostly just work on improving our cattle. We just have a burning desire to raise the best cattle that walk, and to be recognized by our peers is very humbling."

The Farm of Distinction Award is presented annually by the Farm-City Committee of Alabama. Alabama's Farm of Distinction is observed nationally each year the week before Thanksgiving as a way to help bridge the gap between rural and urban residents.

Copies of the application for the 2004 Farm of Distinction are available on the Alfa Farmers website at www.alfafarmers.org/farm-city.

For more information, call 1-800-392-5765, ext. 4410 or email pull@alfafarmers.org. The deadline for applications is March 1.



AUBURN UNIVERSITY HOSTED ITS 14th ANNUAL BANMASTER UNIVERSITY where 240 anglers from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi were inducted into the Bannmaster Hall of Fame. John Crittenden and Seth Hanchey of Elba attended the two-day seminar to hear tip and advice from pro bass fishermen.

Note of Thanks

ETERNAL THANKS TO ALL who helped Ashley, Stacy and precious daughter, Emily Morgan Wise-all family, friends, co-workers and faithful children of God who prayed diligently for Ashley. The benefits, small cards, flowers, food and many acts of love and compassion will never be forgotten. The doctors, nurses and staff at Dothan, Enterprise and especially UAB are God's BEST! His precious wife, Stacy stood by his side faithfully and lovingly. I believe as much as he loves his family and friends, he would not change places with anyone. He is enjoying the glorious joy, peace and pure loving presence of God and meeting his family and friends who have gone before. We will always miss Ashley, but God's grace is truly sufficient. Our loss on earth is Ashley's gain in heaven. We will see him again one day whole and joyfully happy as he welcomes us into our heavenly home with our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. (Gal. John 11:25-26) We "see" your prayers and your love. God Bless you all.

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Kinston High 2nd Qtr. Honor Roll

Seventh Grade: Wesley Hunko and Alex Kelley.
Eighth Grade: Suzanne Chance, Jessica Johnson, Kourteney Pierce, and Beth Vaughan.
Ninth Grade: None.
Tenth Grade: Ashley Carter and Joshua Driver.
Eleventh Grade: Breanna Hattaway and Brittany Holley.
Twelfth Grade: Jeremy Driver, Courtney Farns, Sarah Hattaway and Megan Piland.

Seventh Grade: Crystal Baker, Sallie Coale, Taylor Davis, Dalton Fuller, Maeghan Hawthorne, AJ Johnson, Hose Kilcrease, Calina Norris, Erick Odom, Ashton Parker, Tyler Wilson and Eric Wise.
Eighth Grade: Clay Craig, Whitney Davis, Nicole Hattaway, Aaron Jacobs, Heather Marlowe, Ashley McCall, John Moss, Samantha Peacock, Caitlin Tindell, Christie Whigham and Monica Wilford.
Ninth Grade: Nicole Boswell.
Tenth Grade: Amanda Hattaway, Brittany Hunko, Jessie Jacobs and Graham Weeks.
Eleventh Grade: Billy Johnson and Tiffany Wilson.
Twelfth Grade: Jonathan Hattaway, Whitney Herring, Megan King, Bridgett Marlowe, Zachary Odom, Ashley Rushing, Hillary Sumblin, Samantha Wambles, Chase Williams and Heather Wood.

TSU announces fall semester honor students

Troy State University has announced its honor students for fall semester, according to Dr. Ed Roach, Senior Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost.

Full-time undergraduate students who earned a 4.0 grade-point average for the fall semester are recognized on the Chancellor's List, the university's to honor roll. Full-time undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.65 or higher on a 4.0 scale are recognized on the Provost's List.

Chancellor's List:
ELBA: George Boswell, Sheena Flowers, Katie Holloway, Carla Roberts and Rhonda Stallard.
Provost's List:
ELBA: Amanda Breckenstrach, Jerry Dubose, Bethany Dye, Heather Hays, Cammie Kelly, Linda Sanders and Melissa Welch.

JACK: Samuel Cauten, Curtis Davis and Cheryl Grissett.
NEW BROCKTON: Ginger Fulmer and Sheena Whitaker.

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SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie will celebrate her 15th birthday next week, and while the only thing that seems to be on her mind is getting her driver's permit and getting behind the wheel of the car, I know that sometime this week she will drop a few hints about what she wants for her birthday. So far she has mentioned a t-shirt and some jeans, but I know other things will pop in her head as the big day gets nearer.

One thing is for certain, this ole world just won't slow down no matter how badly we parents wish it would as our children grow older.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

The Elba Tigers claimed two wins in three tries last week to move their record to 12-8 on the season and wrapped up the number two seed in the area with a big home win over Straughn. Being the number two seed in a three-team area isn't really that big a deal when the top seed is ranked third in the state, but it is better than being third and the win was the second for Elba in three games against their rivals from over in Covington County. Elba senior Quinton Gavin had big games all three nights for the Tigers and has turned into a very potent weapon on offense. Gavin can use his 6-4 size to score inside, and also has a deadly touch from behind the arc that has made him a three-point threat. The lanky senior was kind of the quiet man on the Tiger team until this season, but he has made plenty of noise all season long and should get the chance to take his skills to the next level after graduation. As for the team, if the Tigers will remain disciplined and run their patterns they still have a chance to add several wins to their side of the ledger. Against Straughn Elba scored 20 points in the first quarter running their offense, but then decided to put on a show in the second quarter and scored only 6 points doing things their own way. I will agree that sometimes I wish the Tigers would run more and look inside less on offense, but Coach Bledsoe's plan does work when the players are disciplined enough to use it, and that is the plan that will carry the Tigers to more wins this season.

The Elba Lady Tigers dropped two games last week in three outings to see their record drop to 8-9 and the loss to Straughn left the girls winless in the area for the first time in years. The Lady Tigers were short-handed in a 50-point loss to Abbeville and never had a chance, but in their loss to Straughn Elba jumped ahead big and lost a game they should have won. The Lady Tigers have a good bunch of players that play hard all four quarters every time they hit the court. However, they must play well and shoot well from behind the arc to post wins, and with three tough games left on the schedule they will have to play their best to post a winning record.

Kinston claimed its ninth straight win Friday night with a blowout over Antion and all of the sudden the Bulldogs look like a team that could go a long way into the post-season play begins in a few weeks. The Bulldogs can score from inside and out, play a rugged brand of ball inside on defense and are playing with a great deal of confidence at just the right time. It will only take one stumble in post-season action to end the season, but right now Kinston looks like a team to keep an eye on.

Another team peaking at the right time is the Brantley Bulldogs. The Bulldogs got a couple of players eligible at the beginning of the second semester and have lost only once since, with that loss coming to top-ranked J.F. Shields. Brantley must still get by the #1 Panthers in the area tournament, but since the top two teams advance the Bulldogs will still get a second chance come sub-region time, and the guess here is that the Bulldogs are a favorite to make the regionals and maybe even make it to state. Brantley will need to play its best every time it hits the court. However, that is how they do things over in Brantley and this team could still have a lot of basketball left to play.

Obviously the talk of the town here in Elba is about who will be the next head football coach at Elba High. Every person you talk to will bring up a different name and many will even insist that a decision has been made and they know who the coach will be. I too have a little knowledge about what is going on, and that is that the school officials will announce the opening, take applications, interview the prospects and then name a coach. I am convinced that Super Danny Weeks is taking a personal interest in the process, and can assure all Elba Tiger fans that he wants to bring the best coach possible here to take over the program. Whom it will be, just wait and see like the rest of us.

In closing...I want to tip my hat to all the fans from Zion Chapel that made the short trip down to Elba Saturday night to support their teams. The Rebel supporters almost filled up their side of the spacious Elba High gym, despite the fact all three teams have struggled throughout the season, and I am sure the players all noticed and heard the cheers. Great job fans!

Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA YOUTH BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 29
At Elba Rec Center.
5:30 - Lakers vs. Clippers
6:30 - Fever vs. Sting

Saturday, Jan. 31
At Elba Rec Center.
9:00 - Sting vs. Storm
10:00 - Hawks vs. Grizzlies
11:00 - Wizards vs. Hornets
12:00 - Fever vs. Comets

Monday, Feb. 2
At Elba Rec Center.
5:30 - Hawks vs. Opp Rockets
6:30 - Rockets vs. Opp Lakers

Tuesday, Feb. 3
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In youth basketball action

Teams are burning the nets nightly

Following are highlights of recent action in the Elba Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Youth Basketball League:

***** GREENVILLE 68 ELBA 33** - The Elba 18 and Under Tigers fell to Greenville 68-33, in Greenville. Wheeler scored 8 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Zane Hall 7, Timothy Daniels 6, Quentin Robinson 6, Brandon Wilson 4, Anthony Edwards 2 and Andrew Stoumdre 1.

***** GREENVILLE 68 ELBA 56** - The Elba 18 and Under Tigers dropped a 68-56 decision to Greenville, in Greenville. Scoring for Elba were Timothy Daniels 15, Quentin Robinson 13, Andrew Stoumdre 12, Brandon Wilson 9, Jessie Thigpen 4 and Anthony Edwards 1.

***** HAWKS 41 ROCKETS 37** - The Rockets needed overtime to get past the Hawks 41-37, in 12 and Under action. Scoring for the Hawks were Justin McLaughlin 19, Sandarius Reed 10, Justin Mallory 8 and Nick McLaughlin 4. Scoring for the Rockets were Kareem Silar 19, Donta Reynolds 8, Devonta Tillis 6 and Stephen Bryant 4.

***** WIZARDS 24 SPURS 22** - The Wizards held on late to edge past the Spurs 24-22, in 10 and Under action. Scoring for the Wizards were Nick McLaughlin 10, Jaron Kelley 8, KeAnthony Newson 5 and Michael Martin 1. Scoring for the Spurs were Tyler Anderson 8, Sage Kelley 4, Waylon Craighead 3, Jabari Newson 2, and Stephen Bryant 2.

***** ROCKETS 31 GRIZZLIES 26** - The Rockets rallied from a 21-7 halftime deficit to down the Grizzlies 31-26, in 12 and Under action. Scoring for the Rockets were Kareem Silar 17, Donnell Horstead 4, Stephen Bryant 4, Romie Silar 2 and Donta Reynolds 2. Scoring for the Grizzlies were Devon Multrond 10, Shambray Pruitt 4, Justin Griswold 2 and Hunter Stephenson 2.

***** FEVER 26 STORM 8** - The Fever led all the way to down the Storm 26-8, in Girls action. Scoring for the Fever were Jeanetta Burks 12, Keke Oliver 8, Priscilla Simmons 4 and Aspen Foushee 2. Scoring for the Storm were Kim Perdue 3, Kayla Purvis 3 and Sloan Johnson 2.

***** FEBRUARY 18 STING 14** - The Fever held on late to down the Sting 18-14, in Girls action. Scoring for the Fever were Sierra Williams 8, Jeanetta Burks 6 and Aspen Foushee 4. Scoring for the Sting were Jessica Whitfield 8, Kei-Auna Edwards 4 and Jacquetta Whitfield 1. Scoring for the Comets were Courtney Williams 4, Whitney Bryant 2, Chelsey Holloway 2 and Ebone Mohammed 1.

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Tigers fell to Greenville 96-68. Scoring for Elba were Marcus Henderson 30, Quentin Robinson 17, Kinney Hill 6, Andrew Stoumdre 6, Cory Wheeler 3, Timothy Daniels 3, Jessie Thigpen 2 and Kevin Parks 2.

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SPORTS

Clinch second place in area

Tigers turn back Straughn 72-58

The Elba Tigers wrapped up the runner up spot in the area standings last Tuesday night by rolling past the Straughn Tigers 72-58, in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 11-7, 2-1 in area play, while Straughn slipped to 11-12 with the loss, 0-4 in area action.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead on a three-pointer by Quinton Gavin, and stretched their lead to 8-2 with 5:33 remaining in the opening stanza after a three-point play by Kikko Logan. Straughn rallied to cut the Elba lead to 9-7 with 3:15 left in the quarter on a three-pointer by Jared Armstrong, but Marchello Reed muscled inside to score five points in the closing minutes and Quinton Gavin drained a long three-pointer at the buzzer as Elba ended the stanza with a 20-11 lead.

The Tigers' lead grew to 24-13 early in the second quarter on a driving lay up by LaRay Williams, but the Tigers managed to score only two points the remainder of the stanza and Straughn took advantage of the Tigers' sloppy play to rally and cut the lead to 26-22 by the end of the half.

Straughn continued its rally early in the third quarter and pulled within 28-27 with 7:18 left on a short jumper by Alphonso Freeny, but Elba's

Mason Gully hit a jumper from inside the lane to up the Elba lead to 30-27 and after a basket by Matthew Curran and a driving lay up by Kikko Logan the Tigers had some breathing room with a 34-28 lead with 5:59 remaining in the stanza.

Straughn cut the lead to 36-32 with 4:23 left in the quarter and appeared ready to make another run at the Tigers, only to see Elba answer the challenge and go on a 12-0 run to move ahead 48-32 with 1:05 still left in the quarter. Two free-throws by Matthew Curran started the Elba rally, while Quinton Gavin then took charge and scored the game's next 10 points to spark the Tigers as they regained command.

Elba carried a 51-36 lead into the final stanza and remained in command for much of the quarter as its lead stood at 59-43 with 4:45 left on the clock. Straughn was down, but not about to quit, and sparked by the play of Scotty Rabren and Sterling Driver staged yet another rally midway through the stanza to pull within 61-54 with 2:47 remaining in the game.

A 5-0 Elba run gave the Tigers a 66-54 lead with 1:05 left, and the hometown Tigers hit 4 of 6 free-throws down the stretch to hold on and claim the 72-58 win.

Quinton Gavin scored 27 points to lead Elba, while Marchello Reed added 11. Alphonso Freeny scored 13 points to lead Straughn.

E 20 6 25 21 - 72
S 11 13 14 22 - 58

Elba (72): Gully 9, Williams 4, Gavin 27, Curran 9, Reed 11, Burks 2, Logan 8, Rogers 2. Straughn (58): Hunt 7, Driver 9, Freeny 13, Armstrong 10, Kinsaul 2, Rabren 9, Windham 8.

(JV GAME)

The Elba Tiger JV pulled



Elba Tiger Quinton Gavin (5) eyes the basket as he makes a move in recent Elba action. Gavin averaged over 23 points a game last week as the Tigers improved their record to 12-8 with two big wins.

(Photo by John Wallace - Andalusia Star/News)

Elba falls to Abbeville 81-52 as Yellow Jackets claim area title

The Elba Tigers saw their hopes of moving into a tie atop the area standings dashed Friday night as the Abbeville Yellow Jackets clinched the area crown by rolling past the Tigers 81-52, in Elba.

Abbeville came out ready to roll in the final area game of the season for both teams and took complete command from the opening tip as the Yellow Jackets pulled out to a big 44-19 halftime advantage. The Tigers began to settle down in the third quarter and cut the deficit to 52-40 late in the stanza, only to see Abbeville close the quarter with a surge to regain command at 64-41. Elba battled until the final horn and in an attempt to rally, but the Tigers never cut the deficit to 64-41. Elba battled until the final horn and in an attempt to rally, but the Tigers never cut the deficit to 64-41. Elba battled until the final horn and in an attempt to rally, but the Tigers never cut the deficit to 64-41.

Elba (52): Hill 10, Butts 4, Robinson 9, Morris 4, Frazier 3, Tills 12, Abbott 3.

Z.C. (22): McWaters 5, Carter 2, Holloway 2, Jones 4, Leger 11.

(JV GAME)

The Elba Tiger JV hung close for one quarter in a 65-39 loss to the Abbeville Yellow Jackets Friday night in Elba. The Tigers played the Yellow Jackets on even terms throughout the opening stanza and trailed only 16-13 heading into the second quarter, but were outscored 20-2 in the second stanza as Abbeville opened up a 36-15 advantage. The second half was more of the same for the Tigers as they played catch-up and never threatened in a 65-39 loss.

Shawn Abbott scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Kinney led Abbeville with 14 points.

A'ville (65): Kinney 14, Figgins 4, Wiggins 11, Mitchell 6, Slaton 4, Harris 12, Kelley 2, Freeman 6, Culver 2, Spivey 4.

Elba (39): Hill 8, Robinson 8, Morris 9, Tills 4, Abbott 10.

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ELBA TIGER LARAY WILLIAMS (4) drives to the basket during a recent game against Enterprise. The Tigers will travel to Enterprise Tuesday night in their final regular season game.

(Photo by John Wallace - Andalusia Star/News)

Complete season sweep over Rebels

Elba Tigers zap Zion Chapel Rebels 67-40

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 6-0 lead and never looked back Saturday night as they rolled to an easy 67-40 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in Elba.

The win completed a season sweep over the Rebels and gave the Tigers a 12-8 record, while Zion Chapel slipped to 2-14 with the loss.

Elba came out in a full-court press to open the game and took advantage of two quick turnovers to grab a 6-0 lead with less than a minute gone in the game. The Rebels cut the lead to 6-3 on a basket and a free-throw

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High School ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

Kinston Bulldogs escape Rebel ambush 53-43

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Zion Chapel last Tuesday night and survived a Rebel ambush by posting a 53-43 win. Jeremy Driver scored 20 points, grabbed 21 rebounds and blocked 15 shots to lead Kinston, while Shawn Brantley added 9 points. Luke Taylor scored 17 points to lead Zion Chapel and Josh Smith added 14.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs down Zion Chapel 38-31

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs had to battle for all four quarters to get past the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 38-31, last Tuesday night in Zion Chapel. Rammi Smith scored 12 points and Brittany Hunko added 11 to lead Kinston, while Inessa Wambles poured in 24 points to lead Zion Chapel.

Zion Chapel tripped up by Houston County 75-57

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their area woes Friday night by dropping a 75-57 decision to the Houston County Lions. Josh Smith scored 21 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Tavares Black scored 27 points and Jermaine Crews added 18 to lead Houston County.

Lady Rebels drop squeaker to Lady Lions 46-43

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels battled until the final horn Friday night before suffering a narrow 46-43 loss to the Houston County Lady Lions. Inessa Wambles scored 19 points and Keri Hobbs added 12 to lead Zion Chapel, while Kendra Brewer scored 24 points and Krystal Wells added 12 for Houston County.

Kinston Bulldogs clobber Purple Cats 71-25

The Kinston Bulldogs ran their winning streak to nine games and remained unbeaten in the area Friday night by clobbering the Arton Purple Cats 71-25, in Kinston. Jeremy Driver scored 15 points to lead the (11-8) Bulldogs, while Josh Reeves added 13 and Shawn Brantley scored 11. Aaron Reeves scored 12 points to lead Arton.

Lady Bulldogs fall to Arton Lady Cats 50-33

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their area title hopes vanish Friday night with a 50-33 loss to the Arton Lady Cats. Casey Mack scored 11 points to lead Kinston, while Sherlyn Liprot scored 20 points and Tasha Johnson added 12 to lead Arton, which clinched the area title with the win.

Brantley Bulldogs outscore Pleasant Home 68-53

The Brantley Bulldogs upped their record to 14-4 Friday night with a 68-53 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles. Devaris Skanes scored 16 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Derek Weeks added 15 points and 10 rebounds and Evan Christian scored 14 points. Brad Sanders scored 11 points to lead the Eagles.

SPORTS

Up record to 9-8

Elba Lady Tigers outscore Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 50-26

The Elba Lady Tigers snapped a two-game losing streak Saturday night with a 50-26 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels, in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 9-8, while Zion Chapel slipped to 1-16 with the loss.

Zion Chapel jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on a pair of free-throws by Jennifer Taylor, but Elba's LaKisha Tyson drained two three-pointers to put the Lady Tigers on top 6-3 with 3:59 remaining in the opening stanza and the Lady Tigers never looked back as LaFondra Thigpen and YoYo Reynolds both added three-pointers late in the quarter to help Elba take a 17-5 advantage.

The Lady Tigers hit five of six free-throws early in the second

quarter as their lead grew to 24-5, and despite a late surge by the Lady Rebels, Elba remained in command and went in at the half with a lopsided 26-11 advantage.

Zion Chapel's Keri Hobbs hit a three-pointer from deep in the corner with 7:18 remaining in the third quarter to pull the Lady Rebels within 28-14. However, Elba, sparked by the play of Tunisia Thigpen, answered with a 9-2 run over the next two minutes to stretch its lead to 40-16 with 5:26 still left in the stanza.

Zion Chapel closed the third quarter with a 4-0 run and then opened the fourth quarter with a 4-0 run to cut the Elba lead to 40-24 with 7:08 left in the final stanza, but the Lady Rebels failed to score again until the

closing seconds of the game and the Lady Tigers took advantage of the Zion Chapel scoring drought to stage one final rally and at the final horn had the win 50-26.

Ayonna Proctor and LaFondra Thigpen both scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Jennifer Taylor led Zion Chapel with 10 points.

ELBA 17 9 14 10 - 50
Z.C. 5 6 9 4 - 26

Elba (50): Proctor 16, L. Thigpen 16, T. Thigpen 7, Reynolds 3, Tyson 6, Carpenter 2.

Z.C. (26): Rayburn 2, Wambles 1, Beasley 4, Hobbs 7, Taylor 10, Hughes 2.

Lady Tigers fall to Straughn 44-39

The Elba Lady Tigers saw an 11-point second quarter lead vanish before the end of the half and never regained command last Tuesday night in a 44-39 loss to the Straughn Lady Tigers, in Elba.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 8-7, 0-3 in area play, while Straughn improved its slate to 17-5 with the win, 2-2 in area action.

Elba jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead on a jumper by Ayonna Proctor and then stunned eighth-ranked Straughn by opening up a 15-3 first quarter advantage.

Tunisia Thigpen nailed three three-pointers in the opening stanza to spark the Lady Tiger surge, while YoYo Reynolds added four points and took charge inside.

The Lady Tigers remained in command early in the second quarter and owned a 16-5 lead

with 5:57 remaining in the half, only to see Straughn come to life behind the play of Danielle Beasley and Abby Bracewell and go on a 14-0 run to rally and grab the lead at 19-16 with 2:20 still left in the quarter.

A free-throw by Elba's YoYo Reynolds with 1:56 remaining on the clock ended the long scoring drought for the Lady Tigers, but Straughn refused to let Elba regain the lead and at the half Straughn went in with a 26-20 advantage.

Straughn opened the third quarter with a 6-0 run to extend its lead to 32-20, but then watched as Elba began to creep back in the game and saw the Lady Tigers pull within 33-27 with 2:18 left in the stanza on a three-pointer by LaFondra Thigpen.

The Lady Tigers cut the

Straughn lead to 35-30 heading into the fourth quarter on a late basket by Tunisia Thigpen, but saw Straughn regain command at 39-30 early in the final stanza and never got any closer than the final score as Straughn held on to claim the 44-39 win.

Tunisia Thigpen scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Ayonna Proctor and YoYo Reynolds both added 10 points. Andrea Cochran scored 12 points to lead Straughn and Danielle Beasley added 12.

S 3 23 9 9 - 44
E 15 5 10 9 - 39

Straughn (44): Cochran 12, Bracewell 7, Daniels 4, Stokes 2, Beasley 12, Parker 7, Elba (39): Proctor 10, T. Thigpen 11, Reynolds 10, Waddail J, L. Thigpen 7.

Lady Tigers stung by 'Jackets 74-24

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out area play Friday night at home against the Abbeville Lady Yellow Jackets and suffered their biggest loss of the season as Abbeville spanked the Lady Tigers 74-24.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 8-8, 0-4 in area play, while Abbeville upped its record to 19-3 with the win, 4-0 in area action.

Elba, which played without

the services of two starters, fell behind 16-6 in the opening stanza and went in at the half on the short end of a 37-17 score. Elba saw its fortunes turn from bad to worse over the final two quarters as Abbeville scored almost at will and rolled to the lopsided 74-24 win.

LaFondra Thigpen scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Zsazquez Flucker scored 16 points and grabbed 10

rebounds to lead Abbeville.

A'ville 16 21 19 18 - 74
Elba 6 11 3 4 - 24

A'ville (74): McCloud 4, Hull 2, Thomas 2, Craddock 2, Baker 6, Porter 14, Johnson 12, Wells 3, Flucker 16, Knight 7, Spann 4, Durr 2.

Elba (24): Carpenter 1, Thigpen 14, Waddail 1, Tyson 3, Bryant 3, Wood 2.



ELBA BASKETBALL FANS...have been very vocal all season in both the boys and girls games. Elba will close out the regular season with games Friday night at Opp, Monday night at home against Luverne and Tuesday night in Enterprise.

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High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

Houston Academy at New Brockton (4:30)
JV-VG-VB

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

Elba at Opp (4:30)
JV-VG-VB
Kinston at New Brockton

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